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NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a copy of the letter from the General Secretariat of the Latin American Parliament addressed to you a few days ago regarding the implementation of the decisions adopted by the Latin American Parliament on 2 August 1991 at its 13th Regular Assembly, meeting in Cartagena (A/46/193/Add.1) concerning the economic and trade blockade imposed on Cuba. I also attach herewith the text of the Agreement on Solidarity with Cuba adopted by the Permanent Committee on Health, Labour and Social Security of the Latin American Parliament on 27 March 1992, at a meeting held at Havana.

I request you to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) René MUJICA CANTELAR
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Annex

LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1992 FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Executive Board of the Latin American Parliament, meeting from 13 to 15 June at Asunción, Paraguay, determined, unanimously, that all the agreements, decisions, recommendations and resolutions that have been adopted by bodies of the Parliament, but have not been put into effect, should be implemented. This task was entrusted to the General Secretariat.

Acting on a specific request, I wish to inform you that the 13th Regular Assembly of the Latin American Parliament, meeting at Cartagena from 31 July to 3 August 1991, adopted a resolution which in its operative part resolves:

"1. To express our solidarity with the people of Cuba, in the face of the serious economic situation that they are now facing;

"2. To ask for an end to the economic and trade blockade imposed on that island for 30 years."

From 24 to 27 March 1992, the Permanent Committee on Health, Labour and Social Security of the Latin American Parliament adopted an "Agreement on Solidarity with Cuba" (see appendix), in operative paragraph 3 of which the Permanent Committee agreed:

"To condemn the blockade against the Republic of Cuba and call for its cessation, and to urge the Latin American Parliament to make these demands both at the Organization of American States and at the United Nations".

In bringing to your attention these documents, which are attached herewith, we are motivated by concern about recent measures which further aggravate the conditions imposed on the people of Cuba by the economic blockade and the tragic consequences it entails.

For these reasons, we request you to consider, in the Organization you so worthily represent, the appropriate steps needed to analyse this demand.

Appendix

AGREEMENT ON SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA

The Permanent Committee on Health, Labour and Social Security of the Latin American Parliament, based at Havana, Cuba, meeting from 24 to 27 March 1992 and attended by 75 parliamentarians from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, the Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, considering:

1. That the international community recognizes, as basic principles of peaceful coexistence among States, the self-determination of peoples and non-intervention in their sovereign decisions,

2. That for 34 years the Cuban people has been undergoing a process of transformation in which the efforts of its workers have brought it considerable economic and social progress,

3. That the Republic of Cuba has achieved fundamental advances in living and health standards, as well as in social security, for its people, that malnutrition and illiteracy have been eradicated, and that the levels of life expectancy and of child and maternal mortality are equal to the best recorded in the developed countries, all of which sets an example for the majority of our nations,

4. That a criminal blockade against Cuba is being maintained and intensified, in disregard of international principles, aggravating the difficulties under which the Cuban people currently lives and further hampering the effort to maintain its economic and social achievements,

Agrees:

1. To congratulate the Government and people of the Republic of Cuba on their major achievements in the fields of health, labour and social security, encouraging them to persist in their efforts to promote development and social progress;

2. To express its appreciation to the Government and people of Cuba for their action in solidarity with our peoples and their commitment to Latin American integration;

3. To condemn the blockade against the Republic of Cuba and call for its cessation, and to urge the Latin American Parliament to make these demands both at the Organization of American States and at the United Nations.

Adopted at Havana on 27 March 1992.